

Now in his 80's, he's still going strong. On May 22, Doc will be honored at a dinner in the Worcester Academy gymnasium, where he will be surrounded by family, friends, and admirers. I only hope the gym is big enough, because a lot of people admire and love Doc Samko.

Mr. Speaker, I know the entire House of Representatives joins me in paying tribute to Doc Samko, and we wish him and his family all the best in the years to come.

HONORING THE BOULDER CITY
HOMETOWN FIDDLERS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to give honorable recognition to the Boulder City Hometown Fiddlers. This talented youth organization is the only musical group from the state of Nevada that will be performing at the dedication of the WWII Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, these young musicians will truly be honoring our veterans and fallen heroes, including those that died in wars past, and those that have died recently in the war with Iraq. The Boulder City Hometown Fiddlers will also be paying tribute to one of Nevada's own, Corporal Matthew Commons, of Boulder City. Corporal Commons was killed while serving in Afghanistan.

They will represent the Silver State and all those within its borders who wish to pay tribute to those brave men and women who gave their lives in the name of freedom and democracy. It is with great honor that I stand here today and recognize this group of fine musicians as they convey our honor, respect, and gratitude to all those that died and risked their lives for their country.

HONORING COACH TIM
MARZUOLA'S ELECTION INTO
THE NATIONAL WRESTLING
HALL OF FAME

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a legend in high school wrestling in Texas, Coach Tim Marzuola of Highland Park High School. Coach Marzuola has been elected as a member of the 2004 induction class for the National Wrestling Hall of Fame located in Stillwater, Oklahoma. I am proud to represent Highland Park in Congress, and I have four graduates of Highland Park High School that serve in my Dallas and Washington, D.C. offices. My Washington office Chief of Staff wrestled for Coach Marzuola back when he was at Highland Park High School.

In 1999, Highland Park's wrestling team was nationally ranked and Coach Marzuola was a national high school coach of the year award-winner. The Scots won state titles in 1999, 2000, and 2003 and placed second in 2002 and 2004. Coach Marzuola has guided the Scots since 1982, and last year he was

named as a coach for the tremendously successful Team Texas program. He was inducted into Texas Hall of Honor in 1994. I am very proud that he is being recognized nationally for over twenty years of diligent service to wrestling in Highland Park.

Coach Marzuola's commitment to his team on and off the mats is exceptional, as he has set a standard for excellence within his sport. Coach Tim Marzuola has provided his athletes with exceptional leadership and inspiration, emphasizing to each student the necessary traits of individual responsibility, accountability, and working as a team to accomplish a common goal.

I thank Coach Marzuola for his tireless efforts and service to the greater Highland Park community. In addition to his duties as the Head Wrestling Coach, he also is a superb Economics and United States History teacher inside the classroom. I wish him and the Highland Park wrestling program all the best for continued success and achievement.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RON AND
SHARON ESKEW OF URBANA, IL-
LINOIS

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the marriage of my good friends Ron and Sharon Eskew of Urbana, Illinois. April 3, 2004, marked the 50th anniversary of the day that they exchanged wedding vows and started a long, happy life together. Ron Eskew, of Urbana, met his future wife Sharon Campbell at Urbana High School in the early 1950's. They were married in the spring of 1953. The bond created by their marriage has only grown stronger in the past 5 decades, even during Ron's active duty in the United States Army. After his service, the couple returned to their roots in Urbana, picking up right where they left off. I have known the Eskews for many years. In fact, when I was a young man working for a real estate business, I had the pleasure of selling them one of their first houses in 1969. Throughout the years, Ron and Sharon have filled that house with love and a family so caring and appreciative of the example they set that they believe the rest of our country's citizens should know their happiness as well. Ron and Sharon's children certainly admire their devotion to one another after all these years. 50 years is an important milestone few married couples are fortunate enough to experience. I salute Ron and Sharon Eskew of Urbana, Illinois on their 50 happy years together, and wish them the best for many years to come.

HONORING GINGER L. GRAHAM
AND DR. WILLIAM H. RASTETTER

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two leaders in the health care industry from my Congressional District who

have been elected to the Board of Directors for The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). PhRMA companies are devoted to discovering and developing new medicines that will enable patients to live longer, healthier and more productive lives. In 2002 the companies invested more than \$32 billion in discovering and developing new medicines, marking the 32nd straight year the industry has increased its investment in R&D. PhRMA's mission is to conduct effective advocacy for public policies that encourage discovery of important new medicines for patients by pharmaceutical biotechnology research companies.

The experience and expertise of Ms. Ginger L. Graham, and Dr. William H. Rastetter will bring San Diego's unique perspective to PhRMA, the association that represents the leading research-based pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in the United States.

Ms. Ginger L. Graham has an impressive resume. In 1986, she received her MBA from Harvard University, which began her career at Lilly. During Ms. Graham's time at Lilly she held management positions in finance, sales, marketing, and strategic planning. In 1993, she was appointed president and CEO of Advanced Cardiovascular Systems. Ms. Graham was then a part of the team that formed Guidant, a medical technology company. After taking Guidant public in 1994, she became the president of Guidant's Vascular Intervention Group. Ms. Graham also held the position of Group Chairman, Office of the President, at Guidant. She is currently the President, CEO, and Director of Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Ms. Graham is the first female ever to be appointed to the board of directors at Phrma.

Dr. William H. Rastetter received his Ph.D. in 1975 from Harvard. Between 1975 and 1982, he held numerous faculty positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He directed the Biocatalysts and Chemical Sciences Groups at Genentech from 1982 to 1984. From 1988 to 1993, Dr. Rastetter held the position of chief financial officer of IDEC Pharmaceuticals. Then he became president and CEO of IDEC from 1986 to 2002. During this time Dr. Rastetter was appointed chairman of the IDEC board of directors. Dr. Rastetter is currently the executive chairman of Biogen Idec, Inc.

These two highly qualified individuals have devoted their careers to improving health care by bringing new pharmaceutical products through research and development and into the marketplace. I am proud that these two companies from my Congressional District will be represented on the PhRMA Board. San Diego has attained the position as the third largest life science cluster in the world, and is also renowned for being the most highly concentrated and one of the most diverse centers for life science. As the industry in San Diego grows and develops further, these two individuals are uniquely positioned to place San Diego's fingerprint on the pharmaceutical industry. As a stalwart supporter of medical research, I am dedicated to ensuring that America's healthcare system remains the best in the world and to promoting policies that encourage increased healthcare innovation. I look forward to working with Ms. Graham and Dr. Rastetter on public policy initiatives.